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**TITLE:** Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2009 Hunting Seasons.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (spring turkey, spring javelina, spring buffalo, and spring bear) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas.

**DATE:** July 21, 2008

Summary:

The following text describes Department recommendations for Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (see attached proposed Commission Orders) for spring turkey, javelina, buffalo, and bear. No public meetings were held specifically regarding hunt recommendations for spring 2009, although an open house was held in each region where the public could review these hunt recommendations. The recommendations were also posted on the Department web site and press releases were provided to let the public know of their availability.

The Commission provided the Department with direction about enhancing opportunity for hunters in Arizona through the hunt guidelines approved in August 2007. Specific amendments target juniors hunting for turkey and javelina, as well as an archery javelina season in metro units and early season bear hunts. The Department is recommending juniors turkey hunting seasons that will be offered as over-the-counter permits in Units 1, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, 12A, 23, and 27. Juniors javelina permits are recommended at 990 permits, which comprise 3.5% of the spring permits. Javelina seasons in metro units are recommended as over-the-counter archery seasons. Several units will offer over-the-counter general or archery bear permits during the March 20–April 30, 2009 season.

Commission Order 5 – Spring Turkey

For spring turkey seasons in 2008, the Commission authorized 7,007 limited weapon shotgun shooting shot and 350 juniors permits. These hunts had 13,281 and 582 first choice applicants, respectively. In spring 2008, 6,003 hunters harvested 1,155 turkeys, which provided 24,035 hunter days and 19% hunt success.

For 2009, spring limited weapon shotgun shooting seasons are recommended at 7,265 permits, a 282-permit increase over last year. This is the highest number of spring turkey permits recommended in Arizona to date. These permits are recommended to be offered during stratified seasons occurring April 24–30 and May 8–21 or May 1–21, 2009.

Limited weapon shotgun shooting seasons for juniors only are recommended in Units 1, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, 12A, 23, and 27. These permits would be unlimited in number and could be purchased over the counter. The season dates for the juniors-only season are recommended to be April 17–May 21, 2009.

Included within these permit increases are increases to Gould's turkey hunting. The Huachuca Mountain population remains robust and serves as a source of translocations. Last year, 50 turkeys were relocated from this population in Unit 35A into the Santa Rita and Catalina Mountains, and relocations are planned for the upcoming year as well. Permits are recommended to increase from 6 to 8 (4 in each season) in Unit 35A.

The Chiricahua population is also expanding, and permits in Unit 29 are recommended to increase from 2 to 10 (5 in each season) this year. The Chiricahua population may serve as a source for transplant turkeys this upcoming year as well. A new Gould's turkey hunt in the Pinaleno Mountains is being recommended, with 2 permits (1 in each season) in Unit 31.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 5 – SPRING TURKEY, AS PRESENTED.**

**Commission Order 6 – Spring Javelina**

Department javelina permit and season recommendations are based on Commission direction, public comment, and hunt guidelines. In August 2007, the Commission directed the Department to equitably distribute permits according to statewide demand. Based on the 5-year average of application demand, the Department recommends providing about 42% general, 35% archery, 19.5% handgun, archery, and muzzleloader (HAM), and 3.5% junior permits. Archery seasons are recommended for January 1–22, 2009, juniors seasons for January 23–February 1, 2009, HAM seasons for February 6–15, 2009, and general seasons for February 20–26, 2009.

Last year, 7,757 archery hunters harvested 2,229 javelina for a 29% hunt success. For juniors, 684 hunters took 273 javelina for a 40% hunt success. General and HAM hunters had lower success; 9,520 general season hunters took 1,999 javelina for 21% hunt success and 4,137 HAM hunters took 692 javelina for a 17% hunt success.

This year's spring recommendation is for 11,680 general, 990 juniors, 5,405 HAM, and 9,895 archery permits. This is a decrease of 25 general permits, an increase of 20 juniors permits, a decrease of 35 HAM permits, and a decrease of 250 archery permits. Over-the-counter permits

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are recommended for archery hunts in metropolitan units, specifically Units 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 6 – SPRING JAVELINA, AS PRESENTED.**

**Commission Order 8 – Spring Buffalo**

In 2008, 10 spring permits were authorized for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd in Units 12A and 12B. Nine hunters participated, and 8 harvested buffalo, primarily towards the end of the season, which ended on May 31, 2008. The Department is recommending an increase in tags to 14 for spring 2009, with season dates that will run from January 1–June 14, 2009. This is an extension of season length by 2 weeks.

For 2009, no spring tags are recommended for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd in Units 5A and 5B. Currently, the herd is slightly below management objectives and no harvest is warranted.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 8 – SPRING BUFFALO, AS PRESENTED.**

**Commission Order 9 – Spring Bear**

Relatively little harvest occurs during Arizona's spring bear hunts. On average, about 6 bears are harvested, and in 2008 one female and 6 males have been taken to date. Routinely about 1,400 applicants apply for about 580 permits offered in the spring.

In accordance with the hunt guidelines approved in August 2007, several general bear hunts (Units 22, 23N, 24A, 27, 29 and 30A, 31, 32, 34A, and 35A and 35B [except Fort Huachuca]) and archery (Units 3B and 3C, 33) are recommended to offer over-the-counter permits during the March 20–April 30, 2009 season. This period has had relatively low bear harvests historically, with an average of about two bears per year. Generally three times more male than female bears are taken during this time period. Each hunt will have a female harvest limit, and any female bears taken during this time will apply to the annual female harvest limit that would close subsequent hunts if met.

One permitted general bear hunt is recommended in Unit 6B (except Camp Navajo) with 5 permits and a female harvest objective of one. Permitted archery-only bears hunts are recommended to occur in Units 3B and 3C, 22, 23N, 33, 34A, 35A and 35B (except For Huachuca), and Fort Huachuca. Total permits are recommended at 270. On average, about 4

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bears are harvested annually during this time period, and one fourth of this harvest comprises female bears.

Female harvest limits for general hunts total 13 and for archery hunts total 12 (Fort Huachuca harvest limits are a subset of Unit 35A). This is an increase from 2008 of 3 for general and 1 for archery. Annual female harvest limits for each unit remain unchanged from 2008.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 9 – SPRING BEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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Attachment

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 5: Turkey

### *Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates                              | Notes | Open Areas                                 | Legal Wildlife | Permits |     |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----|
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 1                                          | Bearded turkey | 500     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 1                                          | Bearded turkey | 525     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 3B                                         | Bearded turkey | 125     | 25  |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 3B                                         | Bearded turkey | 125     | 25  |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 3C                                         | Bearded turkey | 175     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 3C                                         | Bearded turkey | 175     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 4A and 4B                                  | Bearded turkey | 250     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 4A and 4B                                  | Bearded turkey | 250     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 5A                                         | Bearded turkey | 175     | -50 |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 5A                                         | Bearded turkey | 225     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 5B                                         | Bearded turkey | 150     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 5B                                         | Bearded turkey | 150     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 6A                                         | Bearded turkey | 350     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 6A                                         | Bearded turkey | 350     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (1)   | 6B (except Camp Navajo)                    | Bearded turkey | 80      | -20 |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (1)   | 6B (except Camp Navajo)                    | Bearded turkey | 105     | -20 |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 7                                          | Bearded turkey | 175     | 25  |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 7                                          | Bearded turkey | 200     | 25  |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 8 and 10                                   | Bearded turkey | 250     | 50  |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 8 and 10                                   | Bearded turkey | 155     | 30  |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 9                                          | Bearded turkey | 60      | 25  |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 9                                          | Bearded turkey | 50      | 15  |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 12A                                        | Bearded turkey | 350     | 50  |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 12A                                        | Bearded turkey | 350     | 50  |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (2)   | 13A                                        | Bearded turkey | 25      | 5   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (2)   | 13A                                        | Bearded turkey | 15      | 5   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (2)   | 13B (South of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road) | Bearded turkey | 25      | 5   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (2)   | 13B (South of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road) | Bearded turkey | 20      | 5   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 17A, 17B, and 18B                          | Bearded turkey | 15      | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 17A, 17B, and 18B                          | Bearded turkey | 20      | 0   |
|          | Apr 25 - May 1, and May 9 - May 21, 2009  |       | 20A                                        | Bearded turkey | 5       | 5   |
|          | May 2 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 20A                                        | Bearded turkey | 5       | 5   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 22                                         | Bearded turkey | 95      | 5   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 22                                         | Bearded turkey | 95      | 5   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 23                                         | Bearded turkey | 225     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 23                                         | Bearded turkey | 225     | 0   |

### Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates                              | Notes | Open Areas                 | Legal Wildlife | Permits |     |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|---------|-----|
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 |       | 27                         | Bearded turkey | 625     | 0   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      |       | 27                         | Bearded turkey | 550     | 0   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (3)   | 29                         | Bearded turkey | 5       | 4   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (3)   | 29                         | Bearded turkey | 5       | 4   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (3)   | 31                         | Bearded turkey | 1       | 1   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (3)   | 31                         | Bearded turkey | 1       | 1   |
|          | Apr 24 - Apr 30, and May 8 - May 21, 2009 | (3)   | 35A (except Fort Huachuca) | Bearded turkey | 4       | 1   |
|          | May 1 - May 21, 2009                      | (3)   | 35A (except Fort Huachuca) | Bearded turkey | 4       | 1   |
|          | Apr 24 - May 21, 2009                     | (1)   | Camp Navajo in Unit 6B     | Bearded turkey |         |     |
|          | Apr 24 - May 21, 2009                     | (3,4) | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A  | Bearded turkey |         |     |
| Total    |                                           |       |                            |                | 7265    | 282 |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Juniors-Only Nonpermit Tag Required (Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot) Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                                                    | Legal Wildlife |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Apr 17 - May 21, 2009 |       | 1, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, 12A, 23, and 27 | Bearded turkey |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Turkey nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

#### Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
2. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
3. Turkeys in Units 29, 31, and 35A are Gould's turkeys.
4. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: ATZS-ISB (Wildlife), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000, (520)-533-1867 or (520) 533-7083, [disenrd@hua.army.mil](mailto:disenrd@hua.army.mil), or [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html).

TURKEY BAG LIMIT: One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 6: Javelina

### General Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                    | Legal Wildlife | Permits |      |
|----------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|------|
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8            | Any javelina   | 150     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 10 and 18A                                    | Any javelina   | 250     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 16A                                           | Any javelina   | 350     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 17A and 17B                                   | Any javelina   | 450     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 18B                                           | Any javelina   | 450     | -50  |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 19A                                           | Any javelina   | 350     | 50   |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 19B                                           | Any javelina   | 300     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 20A                                           | Any javelina   | 350     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 20B                                           | Any javelina   | 625     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 20C                                           | Any javelina   | 250     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (1,4) | 21                                            | Any javelina   | 500     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 22                                            | Any javelina   | 675     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 23                                            | Any javelina   | 325     | 25   |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 24A                                           | Any javelina   | 225     | -25  |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 24B                                           | Any javelina   | 225     | -100 |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 27                                            | Any javelina   | 125     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 28                                            | Any javelina   | 250     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 29                                            | Any javelina   | 100     | -100 |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 30A                                           | Any javelina   | 350     | 50   |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (3)   | 30B                                           | Any javelina   | 125     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (9)   | 31                                            | Any javelina   | 175     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (9)   | 32                                            | Any javelina   | 450     | -25  |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 33                                            | Any javelina   | 625     | 25   |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 34A                                           | Any javelina   | 650     | 25   |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 34B                                           | Any javelina   | 100     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (2)   | 35A (except Fort Huachuca)                    | Any javelina   | 75      | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 35B                                           | Any javelina   | 75      | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (3)   | 36A                                           | Any javelina   | 375     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (3)   | 36B                                           | Any javelina   | 475     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (3)   | 36C                                           | Any javelina   | 275     | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (4)   | 37A                                           | Any javelina   | 880     | 100  |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 | (8)   | 37B                                           | Any javelina   | 1000    | 0    |
|          | Feb 20 - Feb 26, 2009 |       | 42 and 44A (except National Wildlife Refuges) | Any javelina   | 100     | 0    |
|          | Feb 13 - Feb 19, 2009 | (2)   | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                     | Any javelina   |         |      |
|          |                       |       |                                               | Total          | 11680   | -25  |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Juniors-Only Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                             | Legal Wildlife | Permits |   |
|----------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---|
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8     | Any javelina   | 75      | 0 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 10, 17A, 17B, 18A, 19A, 19B, and 20A   | Any javelina   | 100     | 0 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 16A (except National Wildlife Refuges) | Any javelina   | 50      | 0 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 18B                                    | Any javelina   | 100     | 0 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 20B and 21                             | Any javelina   | 65      | 0 |

## Juniors-Only Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                         | Legal Wildlife | Permits |    |
|----------|----------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----|
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 20C                                | Any javelina   | 100     | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 22 and 23                          | Any javelina   | 75      | 25 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 24A and 24B                        | Any javelina   | 40      | -5 |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 27                                 | Any javelina   | 50      | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 | (3,9) | 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32       | Any javelina   | 75      | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 | (8)   | 33, 37A, and 37B                   | Any javelina   | 150     | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 34A and 34B                        | Any javelina   | 40      | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 |       | 35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B | Any javelina   | 20      | 0  |
|          | Jan 23 - Feb 1, 2009 | (3)   | 36A, 36B, and 36C                  | Any javelina   | 50      | 0  |
|          |                      |       |                                    | Total          | 990     | 20 |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

## HAM Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                             | Legal Wildlife | Permits |     |
|----------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----|
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8     | Any javelina   | 50      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 10 and 18A                             | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 16A (except National Wildlife Refuges) | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 17A and 17B                            | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 18B                                    | Any javelina   | 250     | 50  |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 19A                                    | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 19B                                    | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 20A                                    | Any javelina   | 150     | 50  |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 20B                                    | Any javelina   | 325     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 20C                                    | Any javelina   | 325     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (1,4) | 21                                     | Any javelina   | 200     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 22                                     | Any javelina   | 300     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 23                                     | Any javelina   | 150     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 24A                                    | Any javelina   | 115     | -10 |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 24B                                    | Any javelina   | 100     | -50 |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 27                                     | Any javelina   | 65      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 28                                     | Any javelina   | 85      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 29                                     | Any javelina   | 40      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 30A                                    | Any javelina   | 100     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (3)   | 30B                                    | Any javelina   | 125     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (9)   | 31                                     | Any javelina   | 130     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (9)   | 32                                     | Any javelina   | 250     | -75 |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 33                                     | Any javelina   | 380     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 34A                                    | Any javelina   | 285     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 34B                                    | Any javelina   | 30      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (2)   | 35A (except Fort Huachuca)             | Any javelina   | 80      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 |       | 35B                                    | Any javelina   | 80      | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (3)   | 36A                                    | Any javelina   | 165     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (3)   | 36B                                    | Any javelina   | 150     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (3)   | 36C                                    | Any javelina   | 115     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (4)   | 37A                                    | Any javelina   | 360     | 0   |
|          | Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2009 | (8)   | 37B                                    | Any javelina   | 500     | 0   |
|          |                      |       |                                        | Total          | 5405    | -35 |



### ***HAM Spring Javelina***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

| Hunt No. | Season Dates | Notes | Open Areas | Legal Wildlife | Permits |
|----------|--------------|-------|------------|----------------|---------|
|----------|--------------|-------|------------|----------------|---------|

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### ***Archery-Only Spring Javelina***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                                                                                                        | Legal Wildlife | Permits   |
|----------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 9, and 11M                                               | Any javelina   | 700 -1050 |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (4,7) | 10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 18A, 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B (except National Wildlife Refuges) | Any javelina   | 1000 1000 |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 17A, 17B, 18B, 19A, 19B, and 20A                                                                                  | Any javelina   | 1700 1700 |
| No Hunt  | Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2008 |       | 20A and 20C                                                                                                       | Any javelina   | 0 -400    |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 20B                                                                                                               | Any javelina   | 475 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 20C                                                                                                               | Any javelina   | 275 275   |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (1,4) | 21                                                                                                                | Any javelina   | 420 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 22                                                                                                                | Any javelina   | 550 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 23                                                                                                                | Any javelina   | 250 -25   |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 24A                                                                                                               | Any javelina   | 150 -50   |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 24B                                                                                                               | Any javelina   | 175 -75   |
| No Hunt  | Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2008 | (5,6) | 25M, 26M, and 47M                                                                                                 | Any javelina   | 0 -175    |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 |       | 27                                                                                                                | Any javelina   | 100 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (3,9) | 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32                                                                                      | Any javelina   | 1200 0    |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (8)   | 33 and 37B                                                                                                        | Any javelina   | 1200 -50  |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (4)   | 34A and 37A                                                                                                       | Any javelina   | 600 -100  |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (2)   | 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), and 35B                                                                          | Any javelina   | 300 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (3)   | 36A, 36B, and 36C                                                                                                 | Any javelina   | 800 0     |
|          | Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2009 | (2)   | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                                                                                         | Any javelina   |           |
| Total    |                      |       |                                                                                                                   |                | 9895 1050 |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### ***Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Javelina***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

| Season Dates         | Notes   | Open Areas             | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2009 | (4,5,6) | 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M | Any javelina   |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

#### **Notes:**

1. Cave Creek Recreational Area is closed to javelina hunting.
2. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: ATZS-ISB (Wildlife), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000, (520)-533-1867 or (520) 533-7083, disenrd@hua.army.mil, or www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html.

3. The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
4. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
7. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) for hunting access. A) Weapons impact areas on the Air Force side of the BMGR, to include the East Tactical Range (including the Paradise Well area), are closed to entry at all times. All persons desiring to hunt outside weapons impact areas but within the boundaries of the BMGR located in Units 40A and 40B or to cross the BMGR to access Units 46A and 46B are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement and obtain a Special Use Range Permit. More information about the Special Use Range Permit may be obtained by calling the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office Public Affairs person at 623-856-8516 or 623-856-8520. B) Access to the Air Force's one public recreation area (Area B) or the Marine Corps side of the BMGR does not require a Special Use Range Permit but still requires a Recreational Permit that can be obtained by calling: the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (623) 580-5500; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483 ; the Public Lands Information Center at (602) 417-9300; or the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (928) 683-6200.
8. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
9. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).

JAVELINA BAG LIMIT: One (1) javelina per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 8: Buffalo

### General Spring Buffalo

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                        | Legal Wildlife        | Permits |    |
|----------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|----|
| No Hunt  | Jan 5 - Jan 6, 2008   | (1)   | 5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)            | Yearling buffalo only | 0       | -2 |
| No Hunt  | Jan 12 - Jan 13, 2008 | (1)   | 5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)            | Yearling buffalo only | 0       | -2 |
| No Hunt  | Jan 26 - Jan 27, 2008 | (1)   | 5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)            | Yearling buffalo only | 0       | -2 |
| No Hunt  | Feb 2 - Feb 3, 2008   | (1)   | 5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)            | Yearling buffalo only | 0       | -2 |
| No Hunt  | Feb 9 - Feb 10, 2008  | (1)   | 5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)            | Yearling buffalo only | 0       | -2 |
|          | Jan 1 - Jun 14, 2009  | (2,3) | 12A, 12B, and 13A (House Rock Wildlife Area Herd) | Any buffalo           | 14      | 4  |
| Total    |                       |       |                                                   |                       | 14      | -6 |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306.
2. An unsuccessful hunter, or hunter who did not hunt, with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information (R12-4-306).
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

BUFFALO SPECIALREGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 9: Bear

### General Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes       | Open Areas                | Legal Wildlife                 | Permits | Fem Harv Limit |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 6B (except Camp Navajo)   | Any bear except sows with cubs | 5       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,4,7) | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A | Any bear except sows with cubs |         | 1              |
| Total    |                       |             |                           |                                | 5       |                |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### General Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes       | Open Areas                         | Legal Wildlife                 | Permits | Fem Harv Limit |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 22                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,6,7) | 23 North                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 24A                                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 27                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 2              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 29 and 30A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,5,7) | 31                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 2              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,5,7) | 32                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 34A                                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,4,7) | 35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca) | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 2              |
| Total    |                       |             |                                    |                                | 0       |                |

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Archery-Only Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes       | Open Areas                         | Legal Wildlife                 | Permits | Fem Harv Limit |
|----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 3B and 3C                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 100     | 1              |
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 22                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 50      | 1              |
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,6,7) | 23 North                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 50      | 1              |
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 33                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 10      | 2              |
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,7)   | 34A                                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 20      | 2              |
|          | May 1 - Jul 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,4,7) | 35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca) | Any bear except sows with cubs | 40      | 3              |
|          | May 1 - Aug 31, 2009 | (1,2,3,4,7) | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A          | Any bear except sows with cubs |         | 1              |
| Total    |                      |             |                                    |                                | 270     |                |

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

## Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas | Legal Wildlife                 | Permits | Fem Harv Limit |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7) | 3B and 3C  | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 1              |
|          | Mar 20 - Apr 30, 2009 | (1,2,3,7) | 33         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 0       | 0              |
| Total    |                       |           |            |                                | 0       |                |

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

### Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear (R12-4-304).
2. The use of dogs is prohibited during Bear hunts from January 1 to July 31 (R12-4-318).
3. When the number of female bears equaling the female harvest limit for a particular hunt has been reported killed, by either hunters or the Department, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open. The female harvest limit is combined for Unit 35A/35B and Fort Huachuca hunts, and both hunts will close when the female harvest limit is reached for Unit 35A/35B.
4. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: ATZS-ISB (Wildlife), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000, (520)-533-1867 or (520) 533-7083, disenrd@hua.army.mil, or [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html).
5. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
6. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. Annual Female Harvest Limit -- If the Annual Female Harvest Limit for a given unit is met during a calendar year, that unit or portion thereof will close to bear hunting for the current and future bear seasons during that calendar year. The Annual Female Harvest Limit is comprised of any female bear killed by a hunter or the Department. Refer to the table below for the Annual Female Harvest Limit by unit.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

| Annual Female Harvest Limit |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |         |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| Unit                        | Limit | Unit | Limit | Unit | Limit | Unit   | Limit | Unit    | Limit |
| 3B                          | 10    | 22N  | 10    | 24A  | 8     | 29/30A | 10    | 33      | 4     |
| 3C                          | 4     | 22S  | 4     | 27   | 25    | 31     | 9     | 34A     | 7     |
| 6B                          | 4     | 23N  | 15    | 28   | 5     | 32     | 6     | 35A/35B | 7     |